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WITH ICELADN

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1. FOLLOWING IS THE FULL TEXT OF THE NEGOTIATING DIRECTIVES
FOR ICELAND PROPOSED BY THE EC COMMISSION IN ITS COMMUNICATION
TO THE EC COUNCIL OF SEPTEMBER 23. COPIES OF THE FULL TEXT OF THE
COMMISSON'S RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE COMMUNITY'S
EXTERNAL FISHERY POLICY ARE BEINGPOUCHED TO REYKJAVIK AND TO ALL
OTHER INTERESTED CAPITALS.
BEGIN TEXT: THE ECONOMIC FUTURE OF ICELAND DEPENDS TO A
SUBSTANTIAL EXTENT ON ITS FISHING ACTIVITY; FISHING ACCOUNTS
FOR 14 PERCENT OF ITS GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT,MAKES UP 73 PERCENT
OF ITS EXTERNAL REVENUE AND 54 PERCENT OF ITS TRADE WITH THE COM-
MUNITY. IN VIEW OF THE SPECIAL RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO PARTIES
ON THE BASIS OF THE AGREEMENT OF 23 JULY 1972 AND PROTOCOL
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NO. 6 ANNEXED THERETO,IT IS IN THE COMMUNITY'S

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GENERAL
INTEREST TO ASSIST THE DEVELOPMENT OF THAT ACTIVITY

IN ORDER TO INCREASE TRADE ANDIN PARTICULAR ITS OWN
EXPORTS OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS.EVEN THOUGH PROSPECTS
EVIDENTLY REMAIN MODEST IN THIS SPHERE,SINCE COMMUNITY EXPORTS TO
ICELAND REPRESENT ONLY 01 TO 0.2 PERCENT OF ITS TOTAL EXPORTS,
IT IS BY THIS MEANS,I CONFORMITY WITH ITS POLICY VIS-A-VIS INSUFFI-
CIENTLY INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES,THAT IT CAN CONTRIBUTE IN A
PRACTICAL WAY TO THE HARMONOUS DEVELOPMENT OF ECONOMIC RELATIONS
BETWEEN THE TWO PARTIES,AND CAN PROMOTE THE INDUSTRIAL PROGRESS
OF ICELAND,AS PROVIDED FOR IN ARTICLE 1 OF THE AGREEMENT.
IN KEEPNG WITH THIS POLICY THE COMMUNITY SHOULD ABOVE ALL SEEK
A SOLUTION WHICH WOULD AVOID A SUDDEN ECONOMIC UPHEAVAL SUCH AS
WOULD COMPROMISE THE ACHIEVEMENT OF A GRADUAL SOLUTION TO THE
DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED BY ITS FISHERMEN AS A RESULT OF LOSING
THEIR USUAL FISHING GROUNDS.
THE COMMUNITY CAN EXPECT TO CONTINUE TO ENJOY THE JOINT EXPLOI-
TATION OF CERTAIN STOCKS (REDFISH,COD,HADDOCK).THE SIZE OF THESE
STOCKS DEPENDS ON THE COMMMUNITY'S EFFORTS IN ITS OWN ZONE,IN
WATER CONTIGNUOUS OR ADJACENT TO ICELANDIC WATERS,TO PROTECT THEM
AND BUILD THEM UP AGAIN.
ICELAND MAY ALSO LOOK FOR MEDIUM-TERM ASSURANCE OF
BEING ABLE TO FISH CERTAIN SPECIES,IN PARTICULAR
HERRINGS AND BLUE WHITING IN THE COMMUNITY ZONE ON A
MEDIUM-TERM BASIS WITH A VIEW TO A MORE LASTING
ARRANGEMENT; AT PRESENT,,ICELAND'SFISHING INTERESTS
IN THE COMMUNITY ZONE REPRESENT 5 PERCENT OF ITS TOTAL
CATCH.
THE COMMISSION THEREFORE CONSIDERS THAT THE FOLLOWING
APPROACH SHOULDBE ADOPTED:
(I) THE JOINT WORKING OUT OF ARRANGEMENTS FOR CONSERVING STOCKS
INHABITING THE COMMUNITY ZONE CONTINGUOUS TO THE ICELANDIC ZONE
AND THE DETERMINATION IN CLOSE CONSULTATION BETWEEN THE TWO PARTIES,
OF THE TAC (TOTAL ALLOWABLE CATCH)OF THE SPECIES INVOLVED ON THE
BASIS OF PERTINENT SCIENTIFIC DATA;
(II) THE GRANTING TO THE TWO PARTIES OF RECIPROCAL FISHING RIGHTS
IN RESPECT OF THE SPECIES IN
QUESTION UNDER (I) IN DEFINED ZONES OR FOR SPECIFIED
PERIODS AND WITHIN QUANTITATIVE LIMITS RELATED TO THE
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CATCHES RECORDED IN THE PAST DURING A REPRESENTATIVE
PERIOD OF TIME AND THEIR RELATIONSHIP TO THE TAC FIXED UNDER THE
CONDITIONS SET OUT UNDER (I)
(III) THE GRANTING OF FISHING RIGHTS TO THE COMMUNITY
FOR A PERIOD OF 5 YEARS IN RESPECT OF SPECIES OTHER
THAN THOSE SPECIFIED UNDER (I) WITH RECIPROCAL FISHING
RIGHTS IN COMMUNITY ZONES FOR PELAGIC SPECIES (HERRINGS,
BLUE WHITING...)

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(IV)IN ADDITION,AND TO THE EXTENT THAT SUCH ARRANGEMENTS WOULD NOT COVER THE PRESENT FISHING EFFORTS BY COMMUNITY COUNTRIES IN ICELANDIC WATERS,A TRANSITIONAL SOLUTION SHOULD ALSO BE SOUGHT TO BRING ABOUT AN ADJUSTMENT TO THE LEVEL RESULTING FROM THE ARRANGEMENT ENVISAGED IN THE PRECEDING PARAGRAPHS PHASED OVER A REASONABLE PERIOD OF TIME. END TEXT.
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